



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

#### **(U) Los Angeles – Three Charged with Collecting \$3.5M for Fraudulent Political Groups**

(U) Three men face federal charges for running two fraudulent political action committees during the 2016 election and collecting \$3.5 million from unwitting donors, prosecutors said. The defendants solicited donations to the Liberty Action Group PAC and Progressive Priorities PAC under the guise that the phony groups were affiliated with candidates for public office, according to a statement from the US Justice Department. An indictment unsealed names Matthew Nelson Tunstall, 34, of Los Angeles, Robert Reyes, Jr., 38, of Hollister, California, and Kyle George Davies, 29, of Austin, Texas. All face multiple charges including wire fraud and conspiracy. Tunstall and Reyes are also charged with money laundering.

SOURCE: 14 November 2021, [KCRA3](#)

#### **(U) Los Angeles – Teens Driven by Racial Hatred Targeted BLM Leader in 'Swatting' Incidents**

(U) Authorities say three teenagers driven by racial hatred were behind hoax calls that brought major police responses to the Los Angeles home of Melina Abdullah, co-founder of BLM-LA and a Cal State Los Angeles professor. The teenagers, aged 13 to 16, connected over the Discord chat platform and are suspects in more than 30 bomb threats and so-called "swatting" incidents across the country, according to the Los Angeles Police Department. Los Angeles police said that the teens were behind hoaxes dating back to July 2020 that targeted "other online persons, video gamers, activists, schools, airports, houses of worship, entertainment venues and memorial parks."

SOURCE: 13 November 2021, [ABC7](#)

### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

#### **(U) Texas – US Border Patrol Agents Arrest Four MS-13 Gang Members**

(U) Edinburg – Rio Grande Valley Border Patrol Sector agents arrested four MS-13 gang members and two other migrants previously incarcerated for sexual crimes. Within a 14-hour time span, agents arrested four individuals actively involved in gangs. Record checks revealed two of the gang members were previously deported from the United States.

SOURCE: 14 November 2021, [CBS DFW](#)

### **(U) NATIONAL**

#### **(U) Arizona – US Marshals Fatally Shoot Murder Suspect Wanted in California**

(U) Phoenix – Members of the US Marshals Service Arizona WANTED Task Force fatally shot a man wanted for several crimes in California after he shot at law enforcement, officials said. Task members attempted to apprehend the man, who had a warrant for a parole violation stemming from a violent assault and rape in California, and was also wanted for a murder that happened earlier this month in Los Angeles, officials said. Task force members attempted to arrest the man, who fired "multiple rounds" at law enforcement, officials said. They returned fire and struck him.

SOURCE: 13 November 2021, [AZ Central](#)

**(U) Georgia – Five Inmates, Including Two Murder Suspects, Escape from County Jail**

(U) Hawkinsville – Five inmates, including two accused of murder, escaped from jail and remain at large, according the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI). The GBI issued a Blue Alert after the five escaped from the Pulaski County Jail and stole a white 2015 KIA Sedona van from the parking lot. The inmates were identified as Tyree Williams Jr., Dennis Penix Jr., Brandon Pooler, Tyres Jackson, and Lewis Evans III, according to the GBI. All five inmates have a history of violent crimes and are armed with two tasers, the GBI says.

SOURCE: 14 November 2021, [CNN](#)

**(U) Washington – FBI E-mail System Compromised; Fake Cyberattack Alert Sent to Thousands**

(U) District of Columbia – Hackers compromised the FBI's external e-mail system, sending spam e-mails to potentially thousands-of-people and companies with a faked warning of a cyberattack. The FBI said in a statement that the fake e-mails were sent from the Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal system used to communicate with state and local officials, not part of the FBI's larger corporate e-mail service. "No actor was able to access or compromise any data or (personally identifiable information) on FBI's network," the bureau said. "Once we learned of the incident, we quickly remediated the software vulnerability, warned partners to disregard the fake emails, and confirmed the integrity of our networks."

SOURCE: 14 November 2021, [The Washington Post](#)

**(U) West Virginia – Parkways Authority Hit by Cyberattack**

(U) Charleston – The West Virginia Parkways Authority was the victim of a cyberattack, according to Jeff Miller, Executive Director of the West Virginia Parkways Authority. The following statement was issued by Miller: "The cyberattack only affected internal computer systems which handle e-mail, telephones, and various non-critical applications. There is no indication customer data was breached. All toll lanes are operable, and all E-ZPass accounts are functioning. The Parkways Authority contracts with a third-party technology company, which handles all payment processing and E-ZPass accounts for toll collection. Their system is separate from the West Virginia Parkways Authority and is unaffected by the cyberattack."

SOURCE: 12 November 2021, [WSAZ 3](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Afghanistan – Bomb Hits Mosque, Wounds at Least 15**

(U) Kabul – A Taliban provincial spokesman says a bomb exploded in a mosque during prayers, wounding at least 15 people in eastern Afghanistan, where Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) Khorasan province militants have been waging a campaign of violence. Qari Hanif, the government spokesman for Nangarhar Province, said the bomb appeared to have been planted inside the mosque in the town of Traili, located in the mountainous Spin Ghar area outside the provincial capital Jalalabad. Hanif did not immediately confirm any deaths. It was the third major mosque bombing in five weeks in Afghanistan.

SOURCE: 12 November 2021, [AP News](#)

**(U) Ecuador – At Least 68 Inmates Killed in Battle Between Prison Gangs**

(U) Guayaquil – At least 68 inmates were killed and 25 more injured when two rival gangs exchanged gunfire and detonated explosives inside of an Ecuadorian prison. More than 900 law enforcement officers spent the day trying to quell the violence, which lasted for 8 hours, at the Litoral Penitentiary in the coastal city of Guayaquil, which officials have linked to international drug cartels.

SOURCE: 14 November 2021, [New York Post](#)

**(U) Lithuania – Two Men Convicted of Spying for Russia**

(U) Vilnius – The Klaipeda Regional Court convicted Mindaugas Tunikaitis and Aleksejus Greicius of spying for Russia by passing information to a Russian handler and jailed them for 4-years and 1.5-years, respectively. They were both in contact with the same FSB agent from Russia's Kaliningrad region, an exclave located between Poland, Lithuania, and the Baltic Sea. For almost six-years, the Lithuanian citizen observed, photographed and filmed objects, and collected information online or through other people and gave the information to the FSB officer, the court found. According to the court, Greicius organized events for almost four-years that were partially financed by the unnamed Russian intelligence officer and photographed or filmed the events, and people attending them.

SOURCE: 12 November 2021, [ABC News](#)

**(U) Nigeria – Army General, Troops Killed in ISIS Attack**

(U) Maiduguri – A Nigerian army general and three soldiers were killed during an attack by Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) militants in the northeast of the country, the army and sources said. Army spokesman Brigadier General Onyema Nwachukwu said troops had encountered ISWAP fighters in Borno state's Askira Uba local government area, where a battle took place, and several militants were killed.

SOURCE: 13 November 2021, [Reuters](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – One Dead, One Injured in Car Explosion**

(U) Liverpool – One person is dead and another injured after authorities say a car exploded outside a women's hospital. The situation unfolded after a taxi pulled in front of the hospital just before 11 a.m. yesterday morning, Merseyside Police said in a statement. Three suspects, ages aged 21, 26, and 29, were detained in connection with the explosion and arrested under the Terrorism Act, authorities said. They were not identified.

SOURCE: 14 November 2021, [NBC News](#)

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